County Estimates

County estimates are an integral part of agricultural statistics. These estimates provide data to compare acres, production, and yield in different counties within the State of Utah. Crop county estimates play a major role in Federal Farm Program payments and crop insurance settlements, thus, directly effecting many farmers and ranchers. A cooperative agreement between the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food and the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA provides funding in support of county estimates contained in this publication.

Box Elder was the "Number one" county in **total grain** production (wheat, barley, oats, and corn) followed by Cache, Utah, Millard, and Davis Counties. Box Elder was also "number one" in acres of **small grain production** (wheat, barley, oats) followed by Cache, Utah, Millard, and San Juan Counties.

Box Elder County was the State's largest producer of winter wheat producing 53 percent of the State total. Cache County ranked second followed by San Juan, Utah, and Salt Lake Counties.

Spring wheat production was also dominated by Box Elder County followed by Cache, Utah, Millard, and Davis Counties.

Barley production was led by Cache County followed by Millard, Box Elder, Utah, and Sanpete Counties. The top five counties' production accounted for 75 percent of the State total.

Box Elder was the "Number one" producer of **oats** in the State followed by Uintah, Cache, Emery, and

Sanpete Counties.

Corn for grain production was led by Box Elder followed by Utah, Davis, Millard, and Uintah Counties. Box Elder County led in production of **corn silage** followed by Cache, Utah, Millard, and Sevier Counties.

Alfalfa hay production was led by Millard County followed by Box Elder, Iron, Cache, and Sanpete Counties. Rich was the leading county in **other hay** production followed by Duchesne, Sanpete, Cache, Summit, and Box Elder.

Box Elder County had the largest inventory of **cattle and calves** as of January 1, 1999 followed by Cache, Utah, Millard, Duchesne, and Rich. Cache County continued as the major county for **milk cows** with over twice the number as Millard which ranked in second place. Box Elder, Utah, Sanpete, and Weber were also major dairy counties.

Sanpete was once again the "Number one" **sheep** county. Other major sheep producing counties were Box Elder, Iron, Utah, and Summit. The top five counties accounted for 61 percent of the total.

Preliminary indications of 1997 total **cash receipts** show Box Elder County as the "Number one" county. Cache is second, followed by Utah, Sanpete, and Beaver. Cache was the leading county for livestock cash receipts followed by Sanpete. Crops cash receipts were topped by Box Elder County followed by Utah County.



